

Fun and Fancy

A Sunday school teacher told his infants to ask any questions they had in their minds...

An English gravestone maker was ordered to cut on a stone the words: "A Virtuous woman is a crown to her husband..."

Old minister to young minister: "Paul was a wonderful man, my dear young brother..."

"That is rather a shabby pair of trousers you have on for a man of your position..."

My dear, why are the eggs always hard at breakfast, now I asked Mr. Soague...

A good story is told of a prominent Albany business man, who is an Englishman by birth...

POTATO CAKES.—Mash the potatoes, and with milk thickened with flour, make into a thin batter...

CREAM SPONGE CAKE.—Two eggs, half cup sugar, three fourths cup flour, one teaspoonful baking powder...

RICED PIES.—Four eggs, well beaten, stirred into a quart of milk, two cups boiled rice, sweeten to taste and flavor...

STEAMED OATMEAL.—Half pint oatmeal, one teaspoonful of salt, put in two quart basin and pour over it one quart of boiling water...

CHEAP CAKE.—Beat together one cup sugar and one-half cup butter, add one egg, well beaten...

DROPPED EGGS.—Have on the stove a saucepan half full of boiling water, into which put a little salt...

Now a Ghost Embraced Mary Anderson. They tell a very strange story of Mary Anderson's last visit to England...

One Pleasant Feature Omitted. "I notice," said a clergyman's wife to her husband, "that it is no longer fashionable for the minister to kiss the bride at the wedding ceremony..."

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Household Hints

Grained woods should be washed with cold tea, and then, after being wiped dry, rubbed with linseed oil.

Cloths dipped into hot potato water are recommended for immediate and complete relief in the severest cases of rheumatism.

A piece of charcoal laid upon a burn will ease it almost immediately, and if kept there about an hour, it is said, the wound will be entirely healed.

If roses are wilted before they can be put in water, immerse the ends of the stalks in very hot water for a minute or two, and they will retain their pristine freshness.

For those suffering from weak lungs or a hacking cough, a few drops of tar taken on a lump of sugar will give relief; five or six drops should be sufficient for a grown person.

When attacked by palpitation of the heart, let the patient lie down as soon as possible on the right side, partially on the face. In this position the heart will resume its action almost immediately.

Oilcloths should never be washed in hot soap suds; they should first be washed clean with cold water, then rubbed dry with a cloth wet with milk. The same treatment should be applied to a stone or slate hearth.

Lime water may be made cheaply by taking a fresh piece of lime as large as an egg, pouring two quarts of soft water on it, and allowing it to stand two or three hours, shaking it occasionally.

To preserve goods from moths, do not use camphor in any form. Pieces of tar paper laid in fur boxes and closets are a better protection. Five cents will buy enough to equip all the packing boxes and closets of a large house for a year.

A bottle of turpentine should be kept in every house, for its uses are numerous. A few drops sprinkled where cockroaches congregate will exterminate them at once; also ants, red or black. Moths will flee from the odor of it. Besides, it is an excellent application for a burn or cut.

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Method

If a mother desires her daughters to make the best of their coming future, she will teach them, by example, the observance of order and method.

If the mother of daughters will stop to ask herself some such questions as the following—namely, Am I making the best possible use of my time? Is this the best hour to do the task, I am now engaged in, or would it be better for me to do some other? Is what I am doing likely to produce any good results? If not, what shall I do to bring forth some fruit for future as well as present good?

Am I doing the best I can do with my powers, and am I by my example bringing up my children in the way that will be wisest for them to follow? Or, am I doing anything with a set purpose beyond preparing food and clothing and cleaning house; and am I doing that with any special method?

If a woman cannot answer these self-prompting questions satisfactorily, then she may be sure she is not acting wisely nor well by herself or her children.

I have often heard women criticized severely for being too methodical and too strict in their requirements in the matter of services from their children or from their servants, and I have so often heard others condemned for a total want of system, allowing everything to be done or omitted at haphazard.

Of the two, I prefer the woman with too much method to the woman without any, for at least there is some hope of good work from her, independent of good living, because she has leisure, that great blessing from which so many good things may follow.

It is both reasonable and proper to desire and secure leisure and recreation; indeed, every one who performs his or her duties in the best manner deserves both; but there is a vast difference between wasted time and leisure, and also between idle pleasure and recreation. Neither an idle nor an unsystematic person can know the beauty or meaning of leisure or recreation; that is reserved for the methodical hard worker.

Never Get Angry. It does no good. Some sins have a seeming compensation or apology—a present gratification of some sort—but anger has none.

Not a Book Agent. Mr. Goode, druggist, is not a book agent, but has the agency in Goderich for Johnston's Tonic Bitters, which he can heartily recommend for any complaint to which a tonic medicine is applicable.

A good Baptist deacon residing in a certain town in the Old Bay State, and who is also superintendent of the Sabbath school, has the misfortune to be exceedingly nervous and excitable, which trouble often leads him in a manner different from that intended.

"What's that?" demanded his wife, ominously. "I mean—I mean," he stammered, "that the senseless custom of kissing the bride should have been abolished long ago."

A rumor was in circulation, says the Washington Star, that a lady, having partaken freely of strawberries, became very sick, and in a short time was afflicted with strabismus, or "cross-eyes," and that a physician, when called in, gave the opinion that her complaint came from the strawberries, and that in four or five other cases he had attended the eyes were affected in a similar manner from the same cause.

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Sentences in Dress at Home

The importance of neat and tasteful house dress—cannot be overestimated. The matron who appears before the members of her family in a shabby, soiled wrapper, and makes the excuse—If, indeed, she takes the trouble to make one at all—but "it is so much more comfortable," has little idea of the possible consequences of such a course.

Could she but realize that her dress is an evil example to her daughters, and one productive of consequences that will reach far beyond her own span of life; that her husband and sons cannot fail to draw comparisons between her dress and that of the ladies they meet in other homes, and that these comparisons between her dress and that of the ladies they meet in other homes, and that these comparisons cannot fail to decrease their respect for her, she might be induced to give more attention to her personal appearance.

And it is not the mother alone upon whose shoulders rests the burden of responsibility for home neatness and order in dress; the father has his duties to look after as well, and should never fail to insist upon the younger members of the family presenting themselves with well kept hands, clean faces, neatly brushed hair, and orderly dress, at least at every meal where the family assembles.—Brooklyn Magazine.

Don't allow a cold in the head to slowly and surely run into Catarrh, when you can be cured for 25c. by using Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure.

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